(b) the strength of such women work force during 1999-2000, 2004-05 and 2006-07;

(c) in what manner Government defines such type of labour *i.e.* self-employment, daily wages, free wages etc.; and

(d) the contribution of this work force in national income?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT) : (a) As per 2001 census data, the estimated number of women workers engaged as cultivators and agricultural labourers in the country was 9,13,42,583.

(b) According to the 55th and 61st round of National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) Reports, the per thousand distribution of female work force in agriculture sector during 1999-2000 and 2004-05 is as under:-

Year	Rural	Urban
1999-2000	854	177
2004-2005	833	181

The data for the year 2006-07 is not available.

(c) and (d) The women work force engaged in different agriculture operations include self-employed, daily wagers, free-wagers etc. Gender-wise information on the contribution of women employed in agricultural sector to national income is not maintained.

Opening of ITIs

702. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to open 10,000 ITIs in the country;

(b) if so, the criteria of selecting the locations of such ITIs;

(c) the funding pattern for these ITIs; and

(d) by when these will become functional and whether Government has set up any deadline in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT) : (a) No, Sir. However, in compliance of the announcement of Hon'ble Prime Minister on 15th August, 2007 to set up 1600 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and Polytechnics and 50,000 Skill Development Centres with active help of the private sector,

(b) if so, whether its publicity through media was necessary at it would enable terrorists to think of its antidote; and

(c) after 9/11 attack, USA evolved strategy known only to the security agencies to contain and control terrorist activities, why can't we keep our strategies to control terrorism a well guarded secret?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN) : (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up of more ITIs

700. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:
SHRI SABIR ALI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up 1500 more ITIs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the purpose behind this move?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A project titled "Kaushal Vikas Yojana" has been taken up to set up 1500 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and 5000 Skill Development Centres (SDCs) in Public Private Partnership (PPP). These ITIs are proposed to be set up in unserviced blocks (blocks where no ITIs/ITCs exist) and SDCs in a cluster of about ten villages.

(c) The purpose of setting up these institutions is to provide access to vocational training facilities to youth in rural, hilly, border and difficult areas. It is expected to provide opportunities of skill development at door step of youth. Participation of private sector is expected to increase the number of vocations; impart quality and relevant training according to requirement of different sectors of economy and seek their assistance in placement of skilled youth.

Self employed women in agriculture sector

†701. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 334 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 2007 and state:

(a) the number of women involved in agriculture sector such as sowing, hoeing, weeding, watering, harvesting etc.;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.